

# BHDDH Bulletin

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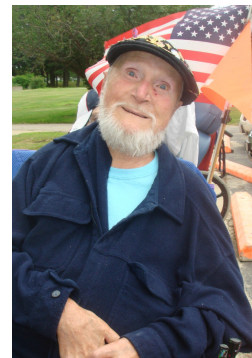
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## Funeral Services Held for Frank Beazley, Patient at Zambarano Hospital and Champion for the Rights of Individuals with Disabilities

Frank Beazley, a treasured member of the Zambarano Hospital family, passed away on Sunday, July 22. He was eighty-three (83) years old.

A patient at the Zambarano Unit of the Eleanor Slater Hospital for over forty-five (45) years after an accident that left him paralyzed, Mr. Beazley was a tireless advocate for the rights of individuals with disabilities as well as a celebrated artist and poet.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 26 in the Zambarano Hospital Chapel, immediately followed by burial in the Acotes Cemetery in Chepachet. He will be missed by all of us at BHDDH and, in particular, by his friends and family at Zambarano Hospital.



## North Kingstown Prevention Coalition and North Kingstown Police Department Join Forces to Help Keep Community Safe



The North Kingstown Prevention Coalition hosted a press conference for the unveiling of a medication disposal drop box on Friday June 8, 2012 at the North Kingstown Police Department. Members of the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, the Rhode Island National Guard and the North Kingstown Police were among those in attendance.

"The goal of the coalition is to try to keep our youth and community healthy and safe," said Nancy Molyneaux, Chairperson of the North Kingstown Prevention Coalition. "The

medication drop box is one way we can do this. By collecting expired, unwanted or unused prescription and over-the-counter medications, we hope to prevent access to all age groups who would potentially abuse the medications."

"I want to thank the Coalition for their efforts to obtain the box and for donating it to the community," says Thomas J. Mulligan, Chief of the North Kingstown Police Department. "We are pleased to provide a secure location for it. The Department and the Coalition have worked closely on a variety of projects designed to help prevent substance abuse. It is a partnership that continues to grow, and one that I value."

North Kingstown is the first community in the State to implement a medication disposal box. The box is located in the main lobby at the North Kingstown Police Department, 8166 Post Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852. Residents are encouraged to drop off expired and unwanted medications regularly. Disposal of sharp items such as needles, lancets or EpiPens is not permitted. Personal identifiers must be removed prior to disposal. For more information, contact the North Kingstown Prevention Coalition at 401-268-6269 or the North Kingstown Police Department at 401-294-3316.



## Save the Date!

The **Rally 4 Recovery** celebrates its 10th anniversary on Saturday September 15, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Roger Williams Memorial, 282 North Main Street, Providence. Over 4,000 people attended last year's event and we are expecting 5,000 this year. Don't miss it!

## URI Awarded \$14 Million Innovation Grant to Improve Care and Lower Costs for Cognitively-challenged Adults with Chronic Diseases

URI received a 3-year, \$14 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The University made the announcement on Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Access Point Rhode Island - formerly known as Cranston ARC, on Park Avenue in Cranston.

According to University officials, the grant is projected to save the federal government and the state of Rhode Island just over \$15 million in health-care costs by preventing illness, emergency room visits, nursing home care and hospitalizations for cognitively-challenged adults. The program will integrate the efforts of State agencies, major health systems, educational institutions, disability organizations and service providers to lower costs and provide comprehensive health care for dual-eligible Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries who are over 20 years of age.

Entitled "Living Rite – A Disruptive Solution for Management of Chronic Care Disease," the development of the University's proposal was led by Associate Research Professor Elaina K. Goldstein of Providence, Rhode Island. The proposal was selected from among 3,000 applications, nation-wide, and chosen for its innovative solution to the challenges of managing health care today. "Our goal is to create an environment where people will be able to get preventative care and chronic care management in a place where they already come on a regular basis for recreation and employment," says Professor Goldstein. "It will be a place where their care is integrated with a team of doctors and other care providers and managed using telemedicine capabilities. This way, all providers can see and treat patients together – but remotely."

## Director Stenning Named Chairman of the Governor's Inter-agency Council on Homelessness Implementation Committee



Director Stenning has been named the Chairman of the Implementation Committee of the Governor's Inter-agency Council on Homelessness. In March of this year, the Governor issued an Executive Order to re-activate the Council. Governor Chafee charged it with specific goals, one of which is coordinating services for the homeless among State agencies and community, faith-based and volunteer organizations as well as advocacy groups and businesses.

A second goal is developing strategies and recommendations to address the problems associated with chronic homelessness that will serve to reduce the number of homeless people in Rhode Island. "I am pleased to be selected as the Chairman of the Implementation Committee" says Director Stenning, "I look forward to turning the strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness into action steps and accomplishments."



### Staff Notes

**Linda Mahoney** has joined the RI Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals as a Behavioral Health Administrator. She will assist Rebecca Boss and Tom Martin with day-to-day operations.

Linda has 25 years of clinical experience in Substance Abuse. She has devoted much of her time to improving the lives of adolescents and adults. For 13 years, she ran the Corkery House, a substance abuse treatment facility devoted to helping male adolescents. Linda also spent much of her career working with Clinical Services of RI where she was involved with Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse programs for adults.

**Lori Dorsey** has been named Region IV (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT) Representative of the Women's Services Network, a component of the National Association of State Alcohol/Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) and the National Treatment Network. Quarterly, Lori will submit a report about what is occurring in her region to the Executive Committee.

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